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Atlanta Public Schools Swears In New Police Force

By: Tasnim Shamma

Atlanta Public Schools now has its own police force. A new chief of police and 67 officers were sworn in Thursday night at the Center for Learning & Leadership.

These new officers will act as the school district's school resource officers and replace members of the Atlanta Police Department in the city's middle and high schools starting July 1.

APS Superintendent Meria Carstarphen said these are sworn police officers, but they'll also teach and counsel students.

"It's a three-part model, anchored in social emotional learning," Carstarphen said. "Helping teach kids the skills on how to build healthier relationships, how to self monitor and control their behavior and also express emotions in healthier ways."

Newly-appointed Atlanta Public Schools Police Chief Ronald Applin retired as captain of the Fulton County sheriff's office in 2010 and is a graduate of Atlanta Public Schools.

He said more than 500 people applied for the 67 spots.

A minimum of three years experience as an officer was required to qualify. The 67 officers are from Fulton and DeKalb counties and even Atlanta's police department.

"I think enforcement will be child-centered that feels a little more personal, caring and designed by grade level," Carstarphen said. "What we're trying to do is match officers to schools with the right temperament. For some kids, I do think it will feel like a lighter touch. But that doesn't mean we aren't going to be firm and true to ensuring we're maintaining safety and security in our schools and also following the expectations of the law."

The officers have an average of 16 years of experience.

<http://news.wabe.org/post/atlanta-public-schools-swears-new-police-force>

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Dollar Tree murder suspect captured

By: La-Keya Stinchomb

ATLANTA (CBS46) -

A suspect wanted in connection to the shooting death of a man at a Dollar Tree in southwest Atlanta has been captured.

The Clayton County Sheriff's Office arrested Tariq Walker for armed robbery and murder.

According to the Atlanta Police Department, Walker and his girlfriend Quenisha Poole were standing outside of the Dollar Tree in the 600 block of Cascade Avenue harassing customers as they were entering and leaving the store.

Walker and the victim, Stanley Scott, exchanged words and a physical altercation occurred. Scott retreated into the Dollar Tree to seek assistance from staff. Walker followed Scott into the store, shooting him once in the chest.

<http://www.wtvm.com/story/32264673/dollar-tree-murder-suspect-captured>

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Tucson News Now

Daughter of fallen ATL police officer gets birthday surprise from 'uncles in blue'

By: Courtney Smith

ATLANTA (WTVM) - An Atlanta girl got a birthday surprise from her uncles earlier this week.

However, they're not your typical uncles. They're her late father's co-workers, who wanted to help celebrate her special day.

Elizabeth Smiley is the daughter of the late Atlanta Police Department Officer Shawn Smiley, one of the officers killed in an Atlanta police helicopter crash in November 2012.

On her most recent birthday on Tuesday, June 21, her "uncles in blue" – members of the helicopter unit who worked with her father – surprised her with an iPad.

"Her father is watching her from above," said the City of Atlanta Police Department in their Facebook post.

<http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/32296942/daughter-of-fallen-atl-police-officer-gets-birthday-surprise-from-uncles-in-blue>

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The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Youth resource center planned for former Atlanta school

By: David Ibata

The Atlanta Police Foundation plans to turn a long-closed school in northwest Atlanta into a youth resource center.

The City Council recently passed an ordinance declaring as surplus city property the former English Avenue Primary School at 740 Cameron M. Alexander Blvd. NW (formerly 740 Kennedy St. NW). The Council authorized the mayor's office to transfer the building to the Atlanta Board of Education.

English Primary, a 16,600-square-foot school on about 1.4 acres, was closed in 1976 and leased to several early learning providers from 1998 to 2008. On May 2, the Atlanta Public Schools board approved a lease-purchase agreement of the building with the Police Foundation.

The purchase price of the property, its appraised value of \$215,000, will be held in escrow, according to the APS board agenda for May 2. The Police Foundation will lease the property for \$1 a year until title is cleared.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/youth-resource-center-planned-for-former-atlanta-s/nrnsf/>

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Reporter Newspapers

Buckhead blotter: Family carjacked at OK Cafe, armed robberies in Lenox Mall parking lot

By: Dyana Bagby

A family was carjacked outside the OK Cafe in Buckhead and an arrest has been made in the case.

Carlos Twine, 18, of Atlanta was arrested by the Atlanta Police Department for allegedly stealing on June 13 a Mercedes Benz from a family who had dined at the OK Cafe.

Twine faces charges of: armed robbery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and hijacking a motor vehicle, according to records with the Fulton County Sheriff's Department.

<http://www.reporternewspapers.net/2016/06/28/buckhead-blotter-family-carjacked-ok-cafe-armed-robberies-lenox-mall-parking-lot/>

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Kidnapping victim safe after police rescue

By: Rebekka Schramm

FULTON COUNTY, GA (CBS46) -

Four suspects are in custody, and police are searching for another following a kidnapping attempt that led to a chase through southwest Atlanta early Tuesday morning.

The incident began around midnight with a reported kidnapping in nearby East Point. At about 2:30 a.m., Atlanta police located the suspects' vehicle, and a short chase began.

The suspects' SUV eventually crashed near the intersection of Metropolitan Parkway and Christman Street. The suspects jumped out of the car and ran from the scene, police said.

Kidnapping victim taken to hospital

During the foot chase, an Atlanta police officer shot one of the suspects in the leg, police said. CBS46 News asked police what prompted the shooting.

"Because there was an Atlanta police officer who discharged his weapon and struck a suspect, the shooting is going to be investigated by the GBI," said Atlanta Police Major Jeff Glazier. "We're going to let the GBI answer any of those questions."

The kidnapping victim was taken to an area hospital. The woman is expected to recover, police said. She suffered a head injury after allegedly being pistol-whipped, Glazier said.

The son of the victim, who didn't want to be identified, told CBS46 News that the family received a phone call Monday night demanding a ransom of \$100,000 for their mother's safe return. They were to meet at an undisclosed location, police said. The son credits police with saving his mother's life.

Suspect description unknown

Throughout the course of the morning, police located all but one of the suspects.

"At this time, we're still looking for a suspect that escaped from the location," said Glazier. "We used assistance from other zones, the Georgia State Patrol and Georgia State Patrol Air Unit. Also assisting us were other jurisdictions' K-9 units."

Authorities did not have a specific description of the suspect who remained at large.

As a result of the police activity, Metropolitan Parkway was closed from Ralph Abernathy Boulevard to Shelton Avenue, but the roadway has since reopened. MARTA temporarily re-routed buses around the area.

<http://www.wtvm.com/story/32321719/kidnapping-extortion-drop-goes-awry-police-chase-ends-in-shooting>